

# MDI Tomorrow – Subcommittee on Youth

## Notes from the Meeting, Wednesday, May 8

Attending: Susan Buell, Jenny Gott, Marty Lyons, Ann Luther, Doug Michael, Theresa Wittenberg

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.  
Healthy Acadia Offices, 11 Kennebec St., Bar Harbor

### Follow-up from Last Meeting:

- Rob Liebow has given concept approval for publication of data collected from the recent drug and alcohol use survey at MDI High School. Format and logistics are still to be worked out.
- Use of the MDI High School auditorium on June 6 for our large group meeting has been tentatively approved.
- We are requested by Earl Brechlin to include local news media in our list of participants. The full list follows. Don't forget to submit contact names to Ann so we can begin preparing a mailing list.

Law enforcement	
School administration	
Alternative schools	
Union 98	
Town government	
Rotary/Kiwanis/Lions	
Ministers	
Parents, PTO's	
Drug counselors	
Health care, clinics	
Camp Beech Cliff	
YMCA, YWCA	
Day care providers	
Co-operative extension	
Kids Corner Daycare -	Lori Krupke
Child Care Resource Development Center	Meg Swift
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	
Athletic directors	
Theatre/music directors	
COA	
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts	
MDIT Transportation Committee	
Libraries	
MDI Bicycle Coalition	
Elected state representatives	
Parents Are Teachers, Too	
Kids	

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Mount Desert Islander	Earl Brechlin
Bar Harbor Times	
Trojan Tribune	

### Planning for Large Group Meeting:

- Goals for the meeting:
  - Support youth
  - Identify issues, assets, and opportunities
  - Get more people involved
  - Involve youth with an equal voice
- Meeting logistics:
  - Invitation to include:
    - Invitation
    - Who else was invited
    - Overview of MDI Tomorrow
    - Encourage to bring your own kids
  - Before the meeting, distribute a packet of pre-reading to “yes” responders
    - [N.B. Not sure I got this correctly in my notes.]
  - Need to lay out next steps in order to sustain momentum and participant interest
  - Envision two tracks emerging from the meeting:
    - A general process, perhaps quite analytical, a *la* MDI Tomorrow
    - Specific projects
  - Rather than having a separate meeting for youth only, make a big effort to get good youth representation at a combined adult/youth meeting
    - Need good facilitation to make sure youth voices are heard
    - Rotary Interact Club
    - Alternative School (part of community service requirement)
    - Marty’s focus group of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders
    - General announcement in all schools
    - Too late for the Trojan Tribune?
  - Provide registration cards to collect names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and interest areas from attendees
- Agenda:
  - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 6
  - Brief introduction
    - Overview MDI Tomorrow
    - What work is planned for this session

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- What is the process going forward: need to lay out next steps to sustain momentum
- Break-out session # 1: List issues and assets
- Pizza (Sponsored by Healthy Acadia) while organizers collate results from Question #1
- Present results
- Break-out session #2: List current endeavors addressing each issue
- Present results
- Break-out session #3: What would you like to see happen next
- Announce next meeting
- Allow time for people interested in specific projects to connect